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Masaryk Stamp First Day a Record in Sales and Spontaneous Reception

NEVER before in the history of first day sales of United States stamps has any stamp been launched with the enthusiastic reception that was accorded the *Thomas G. Masaryk* Champion of Liberty, 4c and 8c stamps on March 7, 1960. Grateful Czechoslovak-Americans gathered in Washington from all parts of the country, and in numbers far exceeding anything that had ever been witnessed in any previous first day sale. The Czechoslovak-Americans alone numbered 1,600, coming in from the middle and far west and from the east, north and south by bus, train, and private cars.

The Czechoslovak Philatelic Society, under leadership of its president, *James J. Matejka, M.D.,* Co-Chairman of the Masaryk Stamp Committee, had been working arduously for months in preparation of this event, in cooperation with numerous other Czech organizations in the United States, including among others the *American Sokol Organization, Czechoslovak National Council of America, Czechoslovak Society of America, Czechoslovak Legionnaires, National Alliance of Czech Catholics, Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol, United Moravian Societies, Unit of Czech Ladies and Men,* and *Western Bohemian Fraternal Association.*

These societies had worked together to provide, in addition to many other features of the event, a magazine of nearly 100 pages to serve as a program of the first day activities. It is a beautiful and impressive production, not only for its appearance, but as a symbol of the outpouring of devotion to the memory of the great Masaryk on his 110th birthday; and also of appreciation to the United States for having honored Masaryk's memory with a "Champion of Liberty" stamp issue. Emotions ran high, and tears flowed freely at the first day ceremonies, when Masaryk was lauded in terms of outstanding and obviously sincere tributes by Americans and Czech-Americans alike.

The ceremonies were not confined to the first day. On Sunday, March 6th, a cocktail party for stamp collectors was hosted by *Dr. Matejka.* This was followed immediately by a banquet which filled the Grand Ballroom of the Willard Hotel to capacity. There were so many outstanding personalities present that we cannot attempt to mention them individually.

The Hon. Roman L. Hruska, U. S. Senator from Nebraska, acted as Master of Ceremonies at the Sunday banquet. Inspiring talks were delivered by *Charles M. Prchal,* of the American Sokol Organization and Chairman of the Thomas G. Masaryk Stamp Committee; *James L. Cihak,* of the Czechoslovak Legionnaires; and the *Rev. Jaroslav J. Pelikan,* Pastor of the Slovak Trinity Church of Chicago.

L. Rohe Walter, Special Assistant to the Postmaster General, delivered a message for *Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield,* whose voice had been silenced by an attack of laryngitis.

Interspersed between the talks were several musical selections rendered by the famous Czech singers: *Miles Nekolny,* accompanied by *Nat Bader; Mrs. Hasal White;* and *Kase Brothers.* Mr. Nekolny's regular accompanist was unable to be present because of illness, and *Nat Bader* did a wonderful "fill-in" job, playing from sight music he had never before seen. Mr. Nekolny is a gifted baritone who was acclaimed the best male singer in the 1951 Chicagoland Music Festival, and has since received many other awards.

Messages were read from *President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Vice-President Richard M. Nixon,* and numerous members of the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives, and other important personages.

The first day sale ceremonies were held on Monday, March 7th, in the Inter-Departmental Auditorium, close to the Post Office Department building. *L. Rohe Walter* acted as Master of Ceremonies, and introduced *Senator Roman L. Hruska;* the *Hon. Livington T. Merchant,* Under Secretary of State; and *Postmaster General Summerfield.*

Mr. Merchant commented that in honoring Masaryk as a Champion of Liberty "we also mark our dedication to the principles by which he lived and which he translated into action in his own country—principles of freedom and human dignity which are fundamental in American society and which motivate us in our international relations. In paying tribute to President Masaryk we honor both the father of Czechoslovakia and the social philosopher, who looked at life and society from a deeply moral point of view. His strong convictions as to the democratic and moral basis of the State helped to shape the free Czechoslovakia that played so influential a role in European affairs. He expressed these convictions when he said that 'no State, no society, can be managed without general recognition of the ethical bases of the State and of politics; and no State can long stand if it infringes the broad rules of human morality'."

He mentioned that Masaryk was interested in American history and institutions and impressed by the Jeffersonian philosophy of democratic federalism, represented in the voluntary association of free people. Masaryk, he said, was outspoken in his advocacy of freedom and self-determination for Czechoslovakia and her neighbors.

The speech of the Postmaster General again had to be read by Mr. Walter, but Mr. Summerfield was there, and personally presented the albums of stamps to distinguished guests.

Mr. Summerfield's message lauded Masaryk for his long and valiant fight for the independence of Czechoslovakia and freedom-loving peoples everywhere. He was "truly a soldier for freedom, who fought with the powerful weapons of ideas, logic, and eloquence. He declared, as we declare today, that love of freedom knows no national boundaries. It is universal; it has flamed in the hearts

and minds of people of all races and creeds through the ages."

Mr. Summerfield mentioned that the spirit of Masaryk and the American people coincided, and the strong kinship was deepened by the fact that Masaryk had married an American girl and took her family name *Garrigue* as his middle name.

He spoke of the fact that, like many of the leaders in America, Masaryk rose from humble origin to the Presidency of his country and a place of honor among his people. He continued with a brief resumé of Masaryk's life, and his contributions to freedom for Czechoslovakia.

After giving a description of the stamps being issued that day in honor of Masaryk, Mr. Summerfield mentioned the pictorial first day cancellation, which features a view of Hradcany Castle in Prague and the historic words, "Truth Prevails." (*Ervine Metzl,* who designed both the stamps and the cancellation, is himself of Czech ancestry, and was proud to have been chosen as designer.)

Mr. Summerfield expressed the hope that these stamps would carry a clear message to people all over the world. "It is the message of friendship, of shared aspirations, and of the living *inspiration* a Champion of Liberty leaves behind as a priceless heritage to be preserved by us all."

At the conclusion of Mr. Summerfield's message *Charles M. Prchal* and *Dr. James J. Matejka,* Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Masaryk Stamp Committee, turned over to Mr. Summerfield a check for $250,000, from the various Czechoslovak organizations that were represented, for the purchase of the new Masaryk stamps. This was the largest single purchase ever made in a U. S. first day sale.

After the ceremonies, when the sale of the stamps was opened to the general public, the crowd which had assembled in line to purchase them was so great that by noon the entire supply that had been held in Washington from the edition of 120 million of the 4c and 40 million of the 8c values was exhausted. The demand was unprecedented, far beyond normal expectations, and it become necessary to fly helicopters to Baltimore and other nearby cities in order to secure additional supplies of the stamps to meet it. Fortunately, it was possible to get sufficient replenishments to meet all requirements.

The ceremonies, in addition to what has been mentioned, included music by the *Metropolitan Police Band,* the parading of the Colors by the *Czechoslovak Post of the American Legion,* several renditions by the *Anton Dvorak Choral Society of Chicago,* and selections by other talented Czech singers.

This first day sale was in every respect the most outstanding and best planned ceremony, the most impressive, and the most touching of any in the whole history of U. S. first day stamp sales.

British Society of Russian Philately Journal & Bulletin

THE British equivalent to the *Rossica Society of Russian Philately* in the U.S.A. is *The British Society of Russian Philately.* Many collectors in this field belong to both societies, which work very closely together. Both have excellent journals, with a wealth of valuable research articles, one often complementing the other, so that membership in both societies is a practical step for collectors of Russian philately and students of postal history.

In our issue of March 12th we reviewed the latest edition of the *Rossica Journal,* and this week we want to mention the January 1960 Bulletin of *The British Society of Russian Philately.* The Bulletin was introduced in February 1959 as an interim publication to be brought out twice a year between the semi-annual issuance of the Journal. The present one is No. 3, the second Bulletin having been published in July 1959.

While the Journal concentrates almost entirely on serious and more permanent studies, the Bulletin serves to keep members informed on news and material of a more temporary nature.

The January 1960 edition gave information on the annual competitions for the Stibbe Rose Bowl and the Buchanan Cup, which were held this year on January 23rd. The Stibbe Rose Bowl is awarded primarily for research (30) and philatelic knowledge (25), with explanation (15), attractiveness (10), condition (10) and interest (10). The Buchanan Cup is awarded on the following basis: Attractiveness (35), condition (30), interest (20), and knowledge (15). The competition is confined to members of the Society.

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Copies of many of the back numbers of *The British Journal of Russian Philately* may be obtained from *John Barry, 77a St. James' Road, Sutton, Surrey, England.* An inquiry directed to him will no doubt bring the information as to what is available.

A cumulative combined index to the Journals of the British society and the Rossica Society up to the fall of 1958 accompanied the most recent issue of *The British Journal of Russian Philately* (October 1959, Vol. 4, No. 26). That issue also carried a railway map of Russia in Europe, keyed to the junctions and termini, which are listed in an accompanying supplement. This was prepared by *W. E. C. Kethro,* co-author with *I. L. G. Baillie* of a series of articles in the *Journal* on the oval railway postmarks of Russia, one of which also appears in the October 1959 *Journal.*

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Volume One of the regular standard tion carries 16,164 price changes and new stamp listings. Both Volume One the regular standard and the specialized tion list United Nations and U.S. pos- sions, as well as U.S.; and Volume e also includes British Commonwealth ll Latin America.

For the stamps which are listed in both ott's Standard and U.S. Specialized talogs, the same prices are carried. nor varieties, appearing only in the cialized edition, show many price anges in 1960. Among newly listed nor varieties are: the 3c and 4c im- rf. coils (#1057a, 1058a). The 8c Mag- say (#1096) with ochre plate num- r only. The "red omitted" variety of current air lettersheet (#UC32b). The ssing "I" in the motto on the 1958 erty Statue 3c postal card (#UX46a, ced at $3 unused, $2 used). The two es of the "4/5" fraction on the $1.60 5 wine stamps (#RE196b, RE198b). e inverted impression of Hawaii #21, a "Numeral," on #25, a 1c. The close-set C" of the Victory" overprint on Philip- nes #E10. Double surcharges on Philip- nes #N6, N28. A number of prices of een cancellations among 19th century stage issues, have been conservatively lvanced.

Blocks of the earlier issues have been ised in many instances; for instance, the 369 90c block of four has gone from 2,500 unused and $1,000 used to $4,500 nd $1,100, respectively. A red cancel, iced at $900, has been added for the illed 24c purple National Bank Note o., #142, which jumped from $750 to 850 with black cancel.

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the Confederate States. The unique 10c black stamp of Port Lavaca, Texas, has been added, and there are several new envelope listings. Extensive re-pricing of both regular and postmasters' provisionals are noted.

In the U. S. section of both catalogs there have been 1,806 price changes, and 225 in the U.S. Administration areas. The 2c Black Harding rotary press, perf. 11, #613, was raised from $800 to $900. but not all U.S. prices went up; the $1 Wilson on USIR watermarked paper dropped from $45 unused and $12 used to $35 and $10. The 2c Washington Bicentennial envelope error on blue paper, #U525b, is priced for the first time—at $4,000.

The British Commonwealth accounts for 7,829 of the price changes in Volume One of the "Standard," of which 920 are in India and 419 in New Zealand. Many changes have been made in Great Britain and there has been steady upward marking throughout the British West Indies. In Burma the general price trend is downward.

The Latin American nations received a total of 6,305 price changes, with Nicararagua (#826), Mexico (#618) and Venezuela (#521) leading. In Colombia the early issues and airmails went up—especially the 1920 SCADTA surcharges. Nos. C17-C24 went from $580 to $745 unused, for the set. Costa Rica's 300 price changes include the 1941 soccer series (#201-208, C57-C66) which was raised from $70.30 to $82.90 unused. Cuban price revises totaled 451. In Dominican Republic, the National Olympic Games set of 1937, #326-328, went from $6.50 to $13 mint. Nicaraguan officials received generous raises, some doubled or more. No. O 139 went from $4 to $15 used. Nos. O 10, O 20, O 30, O 41, O 51 and O 61 were raised from $2 to $4, used.

In Peru, prices of four sets have been italicized. The publishers, Scott Publications, Inc., explain that this was done because remainders have been given to postal employees and are expected to reach the market shortly. Stamps affected are #300-301, 407-408, C3 and C76-C77. Among Uruguay's early issues, several prices have been slightly reduced for unused copies. These include #10, 14, 15 and 19.

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A.—I'll try again to be clear: our hobby can be many things: mere accumulating, systematic and orderly grouping and arrangement, concentration on some one or few countries, issues, etc. My plea is to make up your own mind what appeals to you. And, to me, the reason ought NOT to be either following the currently popular whims or collecting with an eye on profit by re-sale. The basic reason for collecting plate blocks is philatelic *study*, but the small minority collect them for that reason; the majority hound postal clerks for them without any good reason why they seek them and they put them aside vaguely hoping for the best. My suggestion was only intended to ask that each collector know what he is doing; I do not quarrel with any reason that seems good to him or her.

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This also surpassed the total of 1,207,933 first-day covers bearing the 4 and 8-cent Ernst Reuter "Champion of Liberty" stamps, also initially released at Washington.

The Boy Scout first day total, plus that for the 4-cent Washington "Credo" stamp issued January 20, 1960, at Mount Vernon, Virginia, brings the total number of first-day covers for this year to 1,858,290.

There were 1,686,043 Boy Scout stamps sold in Washington February 8, with a face value of $75,925.28.

WASHINGTON "CREDO" RELATIVELY SCARCE PLATE

A second comparatively scarce plate has been reported as having been utilized in the printing of the 4-cent Washington "Credo" stamp. Plate 26508, used in conjunction with plate 26494 to complete the printing, ended its run with 22,535 impressions.

This is slightly higher than Plate 26489, which was cancelled after only 18,888 impressions. Other plates utilized were 26488 (192,183 impressions), 26495 (170,576 impressions) and 26494 (308,396 impressions).

MASARYK 8C PLATES

Four plates were utilized in the printing of the 8-cent Masaryk "Champion of Liberty" stamps, released at Washington, March 7, 1960. They were Nos. 26557, 26562, 26568 and 26577. Plate 26558 was never certified for printing and no impressions were run off. The master plate was 26533.

EXPERIMENTAL BOOKLETS

The Post Office Department has indicated that the 7-cent airmail stamps were not produced and distributed in experimental booklet form, with silicone interleaving. The only booklets in the experimental form were the 4-cent Lincoln regular issue.

JEFFERSON "CREDO" STAMP

Robert J. Jones engraved the frame for the 4-cent Jefferson "Credo" stamp, to be first placed on sale May 18, 1960, at Charlottesville, Virginia (Monticello Branch P.O.). The symbol, signature, quotation and denomination were engraved by William R. Burnell.

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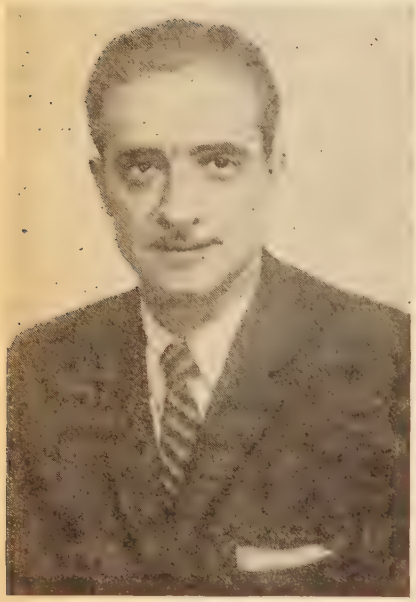

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These events will be commemorated with special exhibits, which will consist of the famous *Dr. A. Jay Hertz* collection of "Pony Express" covers, and portions of the Lincoln collections of stamps and covers of *Harold Dermody* and *Ben B. Newman*. These exhibits will be the highlight of this year's show, as this material, seldom seen by the general public, has never before been shown together.

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THE Confederate States collection of the late Miles Page, of England, has recently been sent to this country for sale at auction, and will be offered by Herman Herst, Jr., at his *Interpex* auction on March 25, 1960.

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The Portugal and Colonies material includes handsome 19th century covers and the two great Azores rarities, Nos. 1 and 2. The Azores stamps, which catalog $500 apiece, are used and accompanied by Friedl and Royal certificates. The large Great Britain and Colonies section is well developed in the Australian States. Mexico and all countries of Central and South America are properly represented, and the 19th century covers of South America are especially noteworthy. Many block are included.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of four articles by members of the War Cover Club, the first of which appeared in our issue of January 23, 1960. Information on club membership may be obtained from Isadore Willinger, 314 East 163 St., New York 51, New York.)

ON the evening of May 5, 1923, China's newest and only all-steel train, the Blue Express, was held up by bandits seeking loot and hostages, resulting in an incident of serious international consequences and an intriguing philatelic souvenir from one of the hostages.

The train, promptly Hollywoodized to the Shanghai Express, was attacked by 1,000 bandits under the leadership of Sven Mao-yao as it passed through the mountainous area on the border between Kiangsu and Shantung provinces. The 200 passengers were marched all through the night to a crude fort, which was soon attacked by regular provincial troops. At the threat of the shooting of the passengers by the bandits, the provincial soldiers withdrew and the guerilla soldiers selected twenty of the passenger prisoners as hostages, releasing the remainder.

These twenty hostages were marched for ten days by their bandit captors, unmolested by regular Chinese troups for fear of reprisals, to an abandoned Buddhist temple and a series of caves on top of Mount Pao-tzu-ku, an unassailable site of bandit chieftains for more than 600 years.

Among the twenty selected hostages was John B. Powell, a noted foreign correspondent and an authority on China. His book, *My Twenty-Five Years in China,* gives a graphic account of the incident. With impossible inconsistency, at least to the Occidental, his Oriental captors "permitted" him to send clandestine reports to his papers on the ten-day trek to the stronghold. As soon as negotiations were opened between the bandits and the authorities, the American Rescue Mission (Red Cross) established contact, and Powell presumably was permitted further to report and editorialize without censorship.

The cover illustrated here undoubtedly contained one of Powell's articles, being addressed to *The Weekly Review,* an English language paper of Shanghai. The postmark is Tsaochwang, the nearest town on the railroad about 40 miles from Mount Pao-tzu-ku, where the negotiations for release took place and the Red Cross had set up a relief headquarters. Powell, incidentally, represented the twenty hostages at the negotiations.

It may be safely assumed the stamps were affixed by the American Rescue Mission, which also hand-stamped the legend (in purple): "This letter received from Paotzuku Bandit Camp and forwarded through American Rescue Mission."

The Shanghai receiving mark, dated June 3, 1923, shows faintly at the left of the top stamp. A mark, apparently a Chinese Federal censor chop, appears in the top of the Shanghai receiving mark circle. Powell's return address is a cryptic "POW Zu Ku." Throughout the incident the bandits insisted they were an army and that the hostages were prisoners of war.

The world-wide furor caused by Powell's reporting, at first deemed a fantastic hoax, resulted in a number of nations sending warships to Chinese ports. The demands of the countries whose nationals had been kidnapped meant the end of "no better than bandit" war-lord rule and military anarchy in China and made for a stronger central government.

Negotiations resulted, of course, in the release of the 20 hostages within a few weeks. The bandits were granted pardons and allowed to join the regular army with new uniforms and full pay, although the demand of "General" Sven Mao-yao that he be given a territory to rule was ignored.

In the true tradition of the Oriental justice of the day, the agreement was promptly discarded and Sven Mao-yao and 600 of his 1000 men were duly executed.

Hollywood seized upon the opportunity of the headlines and in 1932 Clive Brook and Marlene Dietrich were starred in "The Shanghai Express," recently making a reappearance on the late, late show on television.

It is not often that the postal history collector, who must be a devotee of the hunt and the study, finds a cover as rich in background as this. It could quite possibly be unique, for it is not likely that all the hostages were allowed to write nor is it likely that many of the envelopes carrying Powell's few letters were saved by a busy newspaper. The author would like to know if any other such covers are philatelically known. Address is 9612 Fremont Ave., Seattle 3, Washington.

Cover from foreign correspondent John B. Powell discussed in accompanying article.

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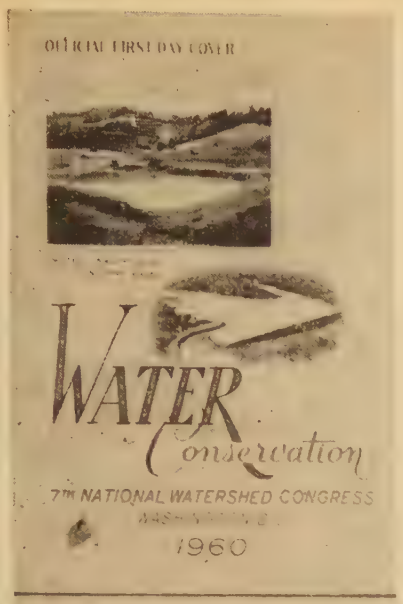

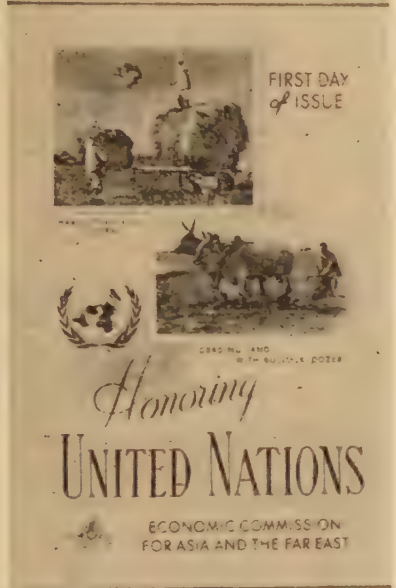

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Mar. 20—The Nassau-Suffolk Philatelic Alliance is sponsoring a Stamp Roundup at the American Legion Hall, Greenwich St. and Marvin Ave., Hempstead, N. Y., from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. A stamp auction will be held at 3:00 P.M. Admission free. All collectors invited.

Mar. 21—The British Empire Study Group meeting at 8:00 P.M., at the Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York City. *Winthrop S. Boggs* will speak on "Great Britain Railway Stamps." Guests welcome.

Mar. 21—Mound City Stamp Club meeting at the Sheraton Jefferson Hotel, 12th and Locust Sts., St. Louis, Mo., at 8:00 P.M. Auction night.

Mar. 23—Collectors Club of Seattle, Inc., 908 East Madison, Seattle, Washington, meeting at 7:30 P.M. Program features "Fundamentals of Stamp Collecting" with Vivian Jarvis as chairman.

Mar. 23—St. Petersburg Stamp Club meeting at Bache & Co., 556 Central Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla. Stamp Night.

Mar. 24—Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo meeting in the French Room of the Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, O. Visitors welcome.

Mar. 25—The Northern New Jersey Chapter of the A.T.A. meeting at 8:00 P.M., at the home of Oscar Hengstler, 222 74th St., North Bergen, N. J. *Cliff Jeger* will speak on Olympic labels. Visitors welcome.

Mar. 25—The Minnehaha Stamp Club meeting at 8:00 P.M., at the Pillsbury House, 320 16th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. Members' Exhibits. Visitors welcome.

Mar. 25—California Collectors Club meeting at the Broadmore Hotel, 1499 Sutter St., San Francisco, Calif., at 8:00 P.M. Program of films or slides.

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53	1.25	747	12.00	783	2.00	793	3.00	836	4.25	865	3.25	884	1.75	921	7.00	929	1.75	983	1.75	1087	1.75
94	1.75	772	2.00	784	3.50	795	2.00	837	6.25	866	4.25	885	2.25	(Korea)		937	3.00	985	1.75	C20	16.00
42	5.00	773	2.00	785	.75	796	6.50	852	2.50	870	2.50	886	3.25	923	2.00	939	1.75	993	1.75	C32	2.75
37	2.00	774	2.00	787	2.00	798	2.00	857	2.50	874	1.50	889	2.75	924	2.00	945	2.00	1000	1.75	C33	5.25
49	3.00	775	2.00	788	3.00	799	2.25	858	2.50	875	2.25	890	2.25	925	2.25	946	1.75	1004	1.75	C38	7.50
40	1.00	776	2.00	790	.75	800	2.25	859	1.50	876	3.25	894	12.00	926	2.00	947	1.75	1005	1.75	CE1	8.75
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368	23.50	696	1.25	774	.42	819	1.00	895	1.50	945	.18	985	.18	1023	.18	1069	.18	1112	.23	C31	4.00
371	29.00	698	4.50	775	.32	820	.90	896	.70	946	.18	986	.18	1024	.18	1070	.18	1113	.15	C32	.25
373	27.00	700	4.50	776	.25	821	1.60	897	.90	947	.18	987	.18	1025	.18	1071	.18	1115	.23	C33	.25
551	.20	702	.60	777	.31	822	1.65	899	.18	949	.18	988	.18	1026	.18	1072	.25	1117	.23	C34	.65
565	3.00	703	.50	782	.28	823	1.75	900	.25	950	.18	989	.18	1027	.18	1073	.18	1119	.23	C35	.75
577	2.75	717	.90	783	.24	824	2.00	901	.50	951	.18	990	.18	1028	.18	1074	.18	1120	.23	C36	1.50
*610	1.75	718	1.50	784	.20	825	1.15	902	1.30	952	.18	991	.18	1029	.18	1076	.18	1121	.23	C38	1.50
611	11.00	719	2.50	785	.12	826	2.00	903	.70	953	.20	992	.18	1030	.10	1077	.18	1122	.23	C39	.30
617	3.50	720	.35	786	.18	827	2.60	904	.50	954	.18	993	.18	1031	.12	1078	.18	1123	.23	C40	.35
619	18.00	725	3.40	787	.24	828	2.25	905	.20	955	.18	994	.18	1033	.13	1079	.18	1124	.23	C42	.85
32	.30	*726	2.10	788	1.00	829	1.50	906	4.50	956	.18	995	.22	1034	.35	1080	.18	1125	.23	C43	.90
*634	.25	728	.45	789	.90	830	1.65	907	.20	957	.18	996	.18	1035	.18	1081	.18	1126	.70	C44	1.90
35	1.00	729	.40	790	.12	831	3.00	908	.25	958	.32	997	.18	1036	.25	1082	.18	1127	.23	C45	.39
36	4.25	732	.35	791	.16	832	6.75	910	.50	959	.18	998	.18	1037	.65	1083	.18	1128	.23	C46	4.75
37	1.00	734	4.50	792	.23	833	29.00	920	1.00	960	.24	999	.18	1038	.27	1084	.18	1129	.70	C47	.39
38	1.00	736	1.25	795	.25	834	32.00	921	2.00	961	.20	1000	.18	1039	.40	1085	.20	1130	.23	C48	.75
39	.85	*739	.70	796	1.45	835	.85	924	.32	962	.20	1001	.20	1040	.40	1086	.18	1131	.23	C49	.55
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*644	5.00	*742	.60	800	.32	853	.55	926	.35	966	1.00	1004	.18	1044	.55	1089	.18	1134	.23	C54	.55
*649	1.75	*743	.95	801	.28	*854	1.00	927	.25	967	.25	1005	.18	1045	1.00	1090	.18	1135	.23	C55	.55
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51	1.50	*745	2.50	803	.14	858	.31	929	.18	969	.22	1007	.18	1048	1.50	1092	.18	1137	.70	C57	1.10
53	.15	*746	2.10	804	.07	859	.20	930	.08	970	.22	1008	.18	1049	1.55	1093	.18	1138	.23	*CE1	1.70
*654	3.40	*747	2.75	805	.12	860	.25	931	.19	971	.32	1009	.18	1050	2.00	1094	.50	1139	.23	CE2	1.10
*657	2.75	*748	2.75	806	.14	861	.45	932	.18	972	.25	1010	.18	1051	2.50	1095	.35	1140	.23	E15	.75
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*681	2.50	*758	2.25	808	.34	866	.65	934	.18	974	.22	1012	.18	1053	25.00	1098	.18	1142	.23	E17	.90
*682	3.10	*759	2.25	809	.80	870	.28	935	.18	975	.38	1013	.18	1060	.18	1099	.18	1143	.70	E18	1.60
*683	4.50	*760	2.50	810	.30	871	.60	936	.18	976	.38	1014	.18	1061	.18	1100	.18	*C8	2.10	E19	1.25
684	.24	*761	3.25	811	.33	875	.18	937	.20	977	.22	1015	.18	1062	.35	1104	.18	C23	.95	E20	1.10
685	.85	*762	3.25	812	.45	877	.90	938	.18	978	.26	1016	.18	1063	.18	1105	.22	C25	.32	E21	1.50
*688	4.25	*763	3.25	813	.49	878	4.00	939	.18	979	.22	1017	.18	1064	.18	1106	.20	C26	.50	*QE2	1.50
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632	2.50	791	1.45	823	16.00	930	.75	958	2.90	988	1.60	1014	1.60	1060	1.60	1089	1.60	1123	2.00	C30	20.50
*634	2.25	792	2.15	824	18.00	932	1.70	959	1.65	989	1.60	1015	1.60	1061	1.60	1090	1.60	1124	2.00	C32	2.80
637	5.75	795	2.20	825	9.50	933	2.50	960	2.15	990	1.60	1016	1.60	1063	1.60	1091	1.60	1125	2.00	C33	2.40
650	7.25	796	13.00	826	18.00	934	1.65	961	1.85	991	1.60	1017	1.60	1064	1.60	1092	1.60	1126	6.50	C34	5.25
651	14.00	799	3.00	828	20.00	935	1.65	962	1.85	992	1.60	1018	5.25	1065	1.60	1093	1.60	1127	2.00	C35	6.50
653	1.50	800	3.00	829	13.50	936	1.65	963	1.85	993	1.60	1019	1.60	1066	6.50	1094	4.50	1128	2.00	C36	12.50
657	26.00	801	2.50	830	15.00	937	1.80	964	3.50	994	1.60	1020	1.60	1067	1.60	1097	1.60	1129	6.50	C38	13.50
684	2.25	802	2.90	831	27.00	938	1.65	967	2.20	995	2.00	1021	3.75	1068	1.60	1098	1.60	1130	2.00	C39	2.70
689	28.50	803	1.15	832	60.00	939	1.65	968	3.10	996	1.60	1022	1.60	1069	1.60	1099	1.60	1131	2.00	C40	2.75
702	5.25	804	.65	852	4.00	940	1.85	969	2.00	997	1.60	1024	1.60	1070	1.60	1100	1.60	1132	2.00	C42	7.50
703	4.50	805	1.10	854	9.00	941	1.65	970	2.00	998	1.60	1028	1.60	1071	1.60	1104	1.60	1133	2.00	C43	8.00
728	4.00	806	1.30	857	2.90	942	1.65	971	2.85	999	1.60	1030	.90	1072	2.25	1105	1.95	1134	2.00	C44	16.50
732	3.25	807	1.40	858	3.00	943	1.65	972	2.25	1000	1.60	1031	1.00	1073	1.60	1106	1.80	1135	2.00	C45	3.50
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774	4.00	812	4.25	901	4.60	949	1.65	977	2.00	1005	1.60	1037	5.00	1079	1.60	1111	7.00	1140	2.00	C55	5.00
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777	2.90	815	4.50	907	1.80	952	1.65	981	1.65	1008	1.60	1040	3.75	1082	1.60	1115	2.00	1143	6.50	E16	12.00
782	2.40	816	8.00	908	2.15	953	1.85	982	1.60	1009	1.60	1043	4.50	1083	1.60	1116	2.00	C23	8.25	E17	7.00
783	2.20	817	8.25	924	3.00	954	1.65	983	1.60	1010	1.60	1044	5.00	1084	1.60	1117	2.00	C25	2.80	E19	11.00
784	1.85	818	8.50	926	3.10	955	1.65	984	1.60	1011	1.60	1047	8.50	1085	1.80	1119	2.00	C26	4.50	E20	10.00
786	1.60	819	9.00	927	2.25	956	1.65	985	1.60	1012	1.60	1049	14.50	1086	1.60	1120	2.00	C27	7.00	E21	13.00
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773	27.00	813	37.50	928	22.50	945	15.00	962	17.00	991	15.00	1005	15.00	1076	15.00	1100	15.00	1123	19.00	1137	65.00
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782	22.00	817	75.00	932	16.00	950	15.00	979	18.00	994	15.00	1016	15.00	1084	15.00	1110	19.50	1126	65.00	1141	19.00
783	20.00	820	65.00	933	22.50	951	15.00	981	15.00	995	18.00	1031	7.50	1087	15.00	1112	19.00	1127	19.00	C25	22.50
784	17.00	825	87.50	934	15.00	952	15.00	982	15.00	996	15.00	1033	10.00	1088	15.00	1114	19.00	1128	19.00	C26	41.00
800	27.00	829	110.00	936	15.00	953	17.50	983	15.00	997	15.00	1035	14.00	1089	15.00	1115	19.00	1129	65.00	C32	22.50
801	23.00	852	35.00	938	15.00	954	15.00	984	15.00	998	15.00	1036	18.00	1090	15.00	1116	19.00	1130	19.00	C39	26.00
802	26.00	899	14.00	939	15.00	955	15.00	985	15.00	999	15.00	1039	30.00	1091	15.00	1117	19.00	1131	19.00	C40	26.00
804	6.00	900	21.00	940	17.00	956	15.00	986	15.00	1000	15.00	1067	15.00	1092	15.00	1119	19.00	1132	19.00	C45	32.00
805	10.00	901	43.00	941	15.00	957	15.00	987	15.00	1001	16.50	1070	15.00	1093	15.00	1120	19.00	1133	19.00	C47	33.00
806	11.50	905	16.00	942	15.00	959	15.00	988	15.00	1002	15.00	1071	15.00	1097	15.00	1121	19.00	1134	19.00	C53	45.00
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B54-57 U.. 2.85
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Used..... 1.25
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TIPOFF

GERMANY—While the Eighth Winter Olympic Games are in the news, Scott's Nos. B79-81, B82-89, and B91-2, three sports issues of 1935 and 1936, come to mind. A few years ago these issues were still plentiful, but with the terrific demand by new stamp collectors all over the world, the stocks of these issues dwindled very fast. A further increase in price is imminent. This is especially true of the souvenir sheets which are much scarcer MINT than used (FDC cancelled), and many collectors will have to settle for used because there are not enough mint sheets to be had nowadays. These issues are still under-rated by Scott and there should be no waiting for a bargain to come along. These issues are attractive and have a strong universal appeal to collectors of both sports and German stamps.

CAMEROUNS—Much water has flowed over the Edea Dam, since I last mentioned Scott's #C31, the stamp commemorating the dedication of this dam. Since that time this stamp has become almost unobtainable in France, and French dealers are paying higher prices for it than the total amount of both the retail and catalog price here in the States. Any price within the present Scott valuation of 50c should be "right," if you can get it.

GERMANY (EAST)—The 20pf stamp, issued and withdrawn on November 7, 1958, in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the November Revolution, is listed in the 1960 Scott edition as a footnote after #415. This stamp fetches higher prices now in Germany than here in the States. Although no catalog number is given for it so far, don't wait until Scott *does* list it. It will then cost you much more than you can buy it for today.

AUSTRALIA — The recently released four-value Antarctic issue should be bought now while it is selling at a little

over face value. It will probably take some time before it becomes obsolete, but considering the low cost there is no reason why it should not be taken up now. This set is part of a Geophysical Year collection. In addition, Australia is very popular with American collectors as well as with many others all over the world. Don't delay. Buy it now.

SCANDINAVIA—The Northern Countries' Flying Swans issue, listed in Scott for Denmark as #361-362, and also issued by Iceland, Norway, Finland, and Sweden, should be taken up now while still offered at reasonable rates. Make sure that these stamps, which belong in a United Europe collection, are yours. I would not be surprised if this issue should cost twice as much a year from now.

MONACO—Scott's #CB11-14 is a set which dealers here in the States are loaded with and are very happy to sell. It catalogs at only $3.25 and at present sells for $1.75 to $2.00. In Europe this issue is steadily appreciating and prices there have no relation to our retail prices. Quotations from abroad indicate that this set will not be a "sleeper" for much longer. My advice is to buy it at best and *soon* at the tempting present day retail price.

ITALY—The following Scott numbers were available for considerably less only a short while ago, and recommended in most cases very strongly in this column. These are the issues that are making news and confirming my predictions: #515-517, catalog value $3.00, asking price $7.50; #522, catalog value $1.50, net price $1.90; #533-534, catalog value $2.75, net price $5.50; #538-9, catalog value $11.00, net price $11.00; #544-546, catalog value $1.90, net price $7.50; #568-9, catalog value $1.90, net price $3.50, #587-9, catalog value $1.60, net price $2.40; #602-3, catalog value $1.65, net price $2.40; #611, catalog value 85c, net price $1.50; #637-8, catalog value $1.25, net price $2.40; #705-8, catalog value 61c, net price $1.50; #715-716, catalog value $1.50, net price $1.75; #726-7, catalog value 30c, net price 55c. It seems as I have said before that stocks have disappeared entirely and normal appreciation is taking place. There is no dumping or unloading of surpluses of large put-away quantities for speculation because five to ten years ago, nobody here in the States was thinking of buying full sheets of Italian issues to put away as they do today. A sound and healthy supply and demand situation prevails in these issues which were available to many when the cost was just pennies.

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Mercury Stamp Company February 16-18 Auction

MAIL bids came from all over the world for Mercury Stamp Company's auction of February 16-18, 1960, and floor bidders were there for buyers abroad as well as the U.S.A., with foreign offers in general considerably above those American collectors are willing to pay.

Highest price of the sales was $10,000 for the mint block of 4 Saxony error 1851, ½ng pale blue, purchased by Alfred Maier for a European bidder; single of same, $2,350 for another European buyer. The mint 3pf 1850 Saxony brought sensational prices, the red shade $1,150 and the cherry red $2,800, undoubtedly a record for this stamp.

Other prices for Old German states were $500 for a Brunswick 1852, 3sg, $475 for an Oldenburg 1859, 2g and $325 for a margin pair Prussia, 1850,2sg. Very interesting is a comparison between the prices obtained for unused Old German States in this auction and when the same items were sold in the Gaspary Auctions of 1956 (the prices of the latter given in parentheses): Hamburg 1859, 9s, corner $115 (67½); pair of the same stamp $145(37½); Hanover 1855, 1/10th unissued color, margin strip of 10 with bordure $420 (240); 1856, 1/15th, margin pair with bordure $450 (170); Oldenburg 1861, 1/3g $340 (160); Prussia, 1850 lsg, block of 4 $700 (210); 3g str p of 4 $185 (77½) and block of 4 $167½ (120); Saxony 1851, 2ng pale blue, block of 4 $285 (150); Wurttemberg 1851, 6kr $220 (140); 1859, 18kr $475 (240), slightly faulty pair of same stamp $475 (200).

Some other countries for which remarkable prices were paid were mint Netherlands, for example $775 for a block of four 15c 1852, $425, $425 and $375 for blocks of four 5c, 10c and 15c 1864. Mint margin strips of five 3½r and 7r 1884 of Russia sold together for $590. The beautiful Hungary Lithographs of 1871 sold for $110 each (3kr, 15kr and 25kr) and $170 (10kr). Of Switzerland, a mint Geneva, 1850, 5c Neuchatel fetched $775 and a double Geneva on cover, fine only, $950. A Germany 50pf 1875, rare gutter block of four, sold for $230, despite slight faults; a block of four Kiauchau, containing two Scott #8 and two #5 reached $1400 and a Scott #9 $350. The sale of the Poland #1 collection of the late S. G. Rich proved the popuarity of this stamp. Unused copies fetched up to $52½, used ones up to $26, the scarce blue oval varieties up to $60, on cover to $115, scarce cancellations up to $55, on cover to $85. Used pairs brought up to $90, a slightly discolored strip of four $325. There were many more remarkable prices, again showing the strong upward trend for fine stamps in the present market. A complete List of prices realized is available for $1.00 from the *Mercury Stamp Company, 10 East 40th St., New York 16, N. Y.* Catalog will be supplied on request to purchasers of the list.

U. S. Precancels

By Adolf Gunesch

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MISSOURI

(Continued)

JEFFERSON CITY used the 1c coil in the Small Old Style for several years following its initial order in January 1934. They were used as seals on blank report forms sent out by the State Auditor to

JEFFERSON CITY MO.

JOPLIN MO.

Used on Coils — Wide-Spacing

merchants all over the State, whereby returns on the State sales tax might be made. As the stamps could be removed intact only by damaging these forms, very few postally used copies reached collectors. The stamps were shipped in 3000-subject coils. It is a good sleeper for future investment, either in pairs or as unclipped, uncreased singles.

DeSoto is another Missouri town that will give collectors a headache. These Bureaus are or were used by a photo-finishing mail order concern. At this writing there is a lot of ballyhoo made about the 1½c Presidential coil. We advise collectors to go slow in paying fancy prices. We remember that the other denominations were just as hard to get until a supply came on the market.

Moberly, a newcomer in the Bureau field, is the sixth Missouri town that used one-centers only; in this case it's the 1c narrow Presidential, not common at all.

There are a few other Bureau-using towns like Columbia and Lee's Summit, but you should have no trouble picking them up. A surprise is Springfield. Local precancels from this place are very common, but the two narrow Presidentials used from there are not common at all.

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MONTANA

It is not surprising that the Treasure State has used so few Bureaus. Mining and cattle being the principal industries, not many Bureau precancels are needed.

Butte broke the ice in June 1929 with the 1c sheet stamps in the Small Old Style. Then, six months later Butte got the 5c

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Small Old Styles

and 10c. These lasted for several years. We have heard rumors that part of them were returned to Washington for credit, but have never been able to verify this. The 5c has turned out to be a scarce item. The 3c Stuart came out in 1935 which is even scarcer than the 5c.

In 1939 the ½c Presidential wide-spacing made its appearance, followed by others, including narrow Presidentials and Liberties. The 1½c narrow Presidential may turn out to be a good one.

Helena, the capital of Montana, received the ½c wide-spaced Presidential Bureau precancel in November 1939. We

HELENA MONT.

Wide-spacing Type

were told that almost the entire order was used up at once, on a special order. It looked for a while as though it would be a tough item for collectors, especially in blocks. However, a few sheets were "left over," and supplied the trade.

It is a different matter with the ½c narrow Presidential which has turned out to be a real rarity. No blocks have ever been located, and the few singles that exist usually come badly centered.

Two late comers, but welcome ones, were Lewistown and Missoula. The latter town already is using Liberty Bureaus.

Trade Notes

In the advertisement of L. A. Davenport, Toronto, Canada, January 30, 1960 issue, the prices were not clearly decipherable. The same ad appears this week on page 436.

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Going on in Stamp World

(*Continued from page* 446)

Mar. 30—Society of Israel Philatelists meeting at 8:30 P.M., at the Hotel Martinique, Broadway and 32nd St., New York City. A "video-auction" will be held.

Mar. 30—All Detroit area collectors interested in stamps of Germany are invited to a meeting of the Detroit Chapter of the Germany Philatelic Society to discuss the club's constitution at 7:30 P.M., in the Community Room, Bank of the Commonwealth, West Seven Mile Rd. and James Couzens Highway, Detroit, Mich. More information is available from temporary chairman, *Harold Elbinger*, 19207 *Rutherford, Detroit* 35, *Mich.*

Apr. 1—Webster Groves Stamp Club meeting at 7:30 P.M., at the Reliable Life Insurance Bldg., 231 W. Lockwood, Webster Groves, Mo. *John D. Pope III* will lead program on "Value of Stamps as Related to Condition."

Apr. 1—The Masonic Stamp Club New York meeting at 8:00 P.M., at the Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York City. Each member will speak for five minutes on "My Favorite Stamp." Visitors welcome.

Apr. 5—WEPEX 1960, the annual stamp exhibit of the Wekearny Stamp Club, will be held at the Kearny, N. J., Works of the Western Electric Co., Inc. Further information available from Publicity Chairman *Patricia E. Byrnes, Wekearny Stamp Club*, 100 *Central Ave., Kearny, N. J.*

Apr. 6—Arlington County Recreational Stamp Club meeting at 8:00 P.M., at the Arlington County Recreation Center, 440 N. George Mason Drive, Arlington, Va.

Apr. 6—The Oxford Philatelic Society will hold its annual Stamp Show at 1661 Harrison St., Philadelphia, Pa., from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. Visitors welcome. Further information available from chairman, *Wm. K. Jones*, 437 *W. Girard Ave., Philadelphia* 23, *Pa.*

April 25-30—Bergen County Stamp Exhibition 1960, sponsored by the Association of Bergen County Philatelists, Inc., will be held in the West Exhibition Hall of the Bergen Mall, Paramus, N. J., from 6:30 P.M. on Monday to 5:45 P.M. on Saturday. Approximately 300 frames will be exhibited. Application for dealer booths should be sent to *Leonard H. Smith, Jr.*, 372 *Fifth Ave., River Edge, N. J.*

April 28-30 — The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will hold its 32nd annual convention in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, at the Kitchener Granite Club. The Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society is host. Over 1,000 delegates are expected from all parts of Canada and the United States. There will be an exhibition of approximately 400 frames and 30 dealer booths. Included in the program are study groups and a meeting of philatelic writers. Information is available from *Mrs. Ronald Martin*, 16 *Raymond Rd., Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.*

April 30—The Vineland Stamp Club in cooperation with the South Jersey Stamp Dealers Club will hold its annual stamp exhibit and bourse at the Masonic Temple, 1065 E. Landis Ave., Vineland, N. J., from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. For further information contact the secretary, *Mrs. Helen Rocco*, 405 *N. Eighth St., Vineland, N. J.*

April 30—Malden Stamp Club Jamboree at the Odd Fellows Bldg., 442 Main St., Malden, Mass., starting at 3:00 P.M. Admission free. There will be a display of over forty frames plus five dealers' tables. Exhibition seals are available at 10c each, or three for 25c. For information write to secretary, *Alice M. Oliver*, 60 *Broadway, Stoneham* 80, *Mass.*

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May 1—The Janesville Stamp Club will hold its exhibition and bourse at the Y.M.C.A., Janesville, Wisconsin, from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Tri-color exhibition cachets will be serviced at 10c each by *T. E. C. Eickemeyer,* 414 *South Bluff St., Janesville, Wis.*

May 6-8 — ROMPEX, 11th Annual Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibition will be held at the Shirly-Savoy Hotel, Denver, Colo. The theme will be centered around the U.S. Air Force Academy. There will be numerous special trophies as well as regular awards. Dealers booths are available and an auction will be held on the afternoon of May 7th under the auspices of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the ASDA. *Carl A. Johnsen* is exhibition chairman. Information and prospectus can be obtained from *John H. Willard,* 1025 *Monroe St., Denver* 6, *Colo.*

June 10-12—Stamporee 1960 will be held at the DuPont Plaza Hotel, Miami, Fla., and will feature a full bourse, and numerous exhibits including a novice class for those exhibitors who have never won an award. Those desiring information on the bourse should write to *Bruce Ball,* 1635 *DuPont Bldg., Miami, Fla.* For information on exhibiting, contact *Larry Resnick,* 161 *North West* 18*th Ave., Miami, Fla.*

Miscellaneous Club News

The Oshkosh Philatelic Society is issuing special cacheted envelopes for its 30th anniversary on April 24, 1960. The envelopes, featuring Indian Chief Oshkosh, are available at 10c each from *Gordon Kester,* 521 *Amherst Ave., Oshkosh, Wis.*

American Topical Association members are invited to join the Stamps on Stamps Unit. A provisional checklist and code has been completed recently and is available to all S-O-S members. Applications for membership can be secured from the secretary, *Harold Arnold,* 241 *Central Park West, New York* 24, *N. Y.*

The Associated Business Stamp Club has recently accepted the application of the American Express Stamp Club of 67 Broadway, New York 6, N. Y., into its membership. The A.B.S.C. is composed of over twenty stamp clubs representing various business concerns within the New York City area. The membership is open to any club sponsored by a business concern. Further information is available from vice-president, *W. J. Barnard,* 118-43 231*st St., Cambria Hts.* 11, *N. Y.*

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—Administration of Posts

BRAZIL—The Cr.$6.50 commemorative, honoring President Eisenhower's visit, issued February 23, 1960, as reported in our March 12th issue, was engraved by Gildasio de S. Ferreira. Printed by photogravure on paper watermarked "Brasil-star-Correio," the stamp was issued in sheets of fifty, in an edition of five million.

April 7, 1960, is the date of issue for the Cr.$6.50 airmail honoring World Refugee Year.

On April 21, 1960, a set of five stamps will be issued to commemorate the inauguration of the new capitol, Brasilia. The values are Cr.$2.50 for regular postage, and Cr.$3.30, Cr.$4.00, Cr.$6.50, and Cr.$11.00 for airmail.

—Gen. Arnaldo Franca

CANADA—A 5c, two-color commemorative will be issued April 20, 1960, in honor of the Golden Jubilee of the Girl Guides movement in Canada. The design, by Helen Fitzgerald, will include the Girl Guides Association badge on a blue background, flanked by the words "Girl Guides Association" in French and English and the dates "1910-1960" in gold lettering.

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day covers of the three-value, "Thunder Tiger" set issued February 29, 1960, as forecast in our February 27th issue. The values are NT$1.00, NT$2.00, and NT$5.00. The stamps were issued in sheets of fifty, in an edition of one million sets.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—Our thanks to *Artia* for information on the ship set issued February 22, 1960, as reported in our March 12th issue. The set consists of the following values, designs, colors and designers: 30h., river dredge boat, brown-green and red, Bohdan Roule; 60h., river tug, dark red and green, Bohdan Roule; 1 Kcs., passenger motor-boat, violet-blue and orange-yellow, Jan Mracek; 1.20 Kcs., cargo steamship "Lidice," violet and yellow-green, Jiri Svengsbir. The stamps were printed by the Post Printing Offices, Prague, by rotary recess print combined with photogravure, in sheets of fifty.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC — Our thanks to *Sellos Dominicanos,* Ciudad Trujillo, for a first day cover of the 13c Dominican Civil Aviation stamp issued February 25, 1960, as forecast in our December 19th issue.

FRANCE—The 0.30 N.F. stamp, honoring the Museum of Art and Industry at St. Etienne, was scheduled for issue on February 20, 1960, as forecast in our February 13th issue. The brownish-yellow, red, and dark blue stamp was designed and engraved in taille-douce by Durrens, and printed in sheets of fifty.

—Ministry of PTT

GERMANY (EAST)—Our thanks to *Ernst Reitzig* for a first day cover of the three-value set of Anti-Fascists stamps issued February 25, 1960, as reported in our March 12th issue. The values of the stamps are 5 + 5 Pf., 10 + 5 Pf., and 20 + 10 Pf.

GERMANY (WEST)—On April 7, 1960, a two-value set of stamps will be issued in honor of World Refugee Year. The set, designed by Hermann Rastorfer, will depict the U.N. World Refugee Year symbol superimposed on a globe of the world, and will consist of the following values and colors: 10 Pf., green, violet and black; 40 Pf., blue, red and black. The stamps will be printed by the Printing Office A. Bagel, Dusseldorf.

—Joachim Dill

GHANA—A set of three stamps will be issued on April 15, 1960, Africa Freedom Day. Each of the stamps, designed by Willy W. Wind, uses one of the initials of A.F.D. as the main motif, with the initial composed of the flags of independent African nations. The values, designs, and background colors are as follows: 3d., "A" and map of Africa, green; 6d., "F," salmon pink; 1/-, "D," blue. The stamps were printed by Harrison & Sons Ltd., London, by photogravure on "G and star" watermarked paper, in sheets of thirty with marginal inscriptions.

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HUNGARY—Our thanks to *Philatelic Hungarica* for first day covers and copies of the perforated and imperforated seven-value Winter Olympic Games set issued February 29, 1960, as reported in our March 12th issue. The values are 30f., 40f., 60f., 80f., 1 Ft., 1.20 Ft., and 2 + 1 Ft.

IRAN—Our thanks to *Abdullah Izadi,* Teheran, and *Abdullah Monem,* Khorramshahr, for first day covers and copies of the two-value set issued February 29, 1960 commemorating the inauguration of the Khorramshahr Bridge. The 1 Rial, green and blue stamp shows a view of the bridge, the Karoon River and the port city of Khorramshahr. The 5 Rial, blue and brown stamp depicts the bridge and river. First day cover came also from S. H. Nabawi, Teheran.

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the date of issue of the four-value World Refugee Year set. The values and designs will be as follows: 10c, palm trees; 60c and 80c, geographic projection of the Horn of Africa; 1.50 S. airmail, stork in flight. The stamps will also bear the U.N. World Refugee Year symbol and be printed by the Italian State Polygraphic Institute, Rome, by photogravure on star watermarked paper. A special first day cancellation will be used by the Somalia Postal Administration.

ITALY—Our thanks to the *Crown Stamp Company,* College Point, N. Y., for advising us that Italy will issue a stamp for World Refugee Year on April 7, 1960, depicting Raphael's famous painting, "Fire of Borgo."

JAPAN—Our thanks to *Kansai Stamp Co., Ltd., Shozo Murase, S. Miyake, Kenzi Miwa, Meiso Mizuhara, William J. Ross,* and *H. Tsuge* for their first day covers of the 10 yen stamp issued February 25, 1960, as forecast in our January 16th issue. The stamp commemorates the completion of the Memorial Hall dedicated to Yukio Ozaki.

LAOS—We are advised by the *Hoon Seng Stamp Co.,* Bangkok, Thailand, that Scott's Nos. 46 and 52 will be overprinted "World Refugee Year" and surcharged 10 K + 1 K and 4 K + 1 K, respectively, for release on April 7, 1960.

MOROCCO (MAROC)—We are indebted to *E. M. Cotter,* Casablanca, for a first day cover of the 45F. value issued January 31, 1960, in honor of the Economic Commission of Africa Conference. The multi-color stamp shows a map of Africa.

NORWAY—Our thanks to *Martin Bostrom, L. Johansen,* and *Olav R. Oversand* for first day covers of the 45 and 90 ore stamps issued February 26, 1960, as forecast in our February 20th issue, in honor of the 200th anniversary of the Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences.

NORWAY—On April 7, 1960, a two-value set will be issued in honor of World Refugee Year. The values, colors, and editions are as follows: 45 + 25 ore, red, 2,500,000; 90 + 25 ore, blue, 1,500,000. The stamps, designed by Johs. Haukland, show a woman refugee with a baby in her arms and the U.N. World Refugee Year Symbol. The stamps were printed on unwatermarked paper by Emil Moestue A/S, Oslo, in sheets of 100. The surcharge on the stamps is for the benefit of the refugees.

—*Postal Administration*

PERU—We are indebted to *L. P. Entwistle,* Lima, for a copy of the 10 centavos stamp, which, according to a law signed on January 4, 1960, must be used as additional postage on all airmail until August 31, 1960. The red, blue, green, yellow, and white stamp is in honor of the VIth Eucharistic Congress to be held in Piura on August 25th. The law also provides for voluntary use of similar stamps in the values of 50 centavos and

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POLAND—Our thanks to *Ars Polona* for copies of the three-value Chopin set issued February 22, 1960, as forecast in our January 16th issue. The values are 60 gr., 1.50 Zl., and 2.50 Zl.

Thanks also to Dr. M. A. Rayall de Ragan for a first day cover.

PORTUGAL—Our thanks to *Eladio de Santos* and the *Jornal Filatelico*, Lisbon, for first day covers of the two-value set issued March 2, 1960, as reported in our March 5th issue. The stamps, honoring the 10th anniversary of NATO, are in the values of 1$00 and 3$50.

SPAIN—Our thanks to *M. Galvez* and *Carlos Lenze* for first day covers and a maximum card of the 16-value Bull Fight set issued February 29, 1960, as forecast in our January 23rd issue. The values are as follows: regular postage—15 cts., 20 cts., 25 cts., 30 cts., 50 cts., 70 cts., 80 cts., 1 Pta., 1.40 Ptas., 1.50 Ptas., 1.80 Ptas., 5 Ptas.; airmail — 25 cts., 50 cts., 1 Pta., 5 Ptas.

Carlos Lenze reports that some singles of the Bull Fight set have been seen on covers from the provinces before the official date of issue. It is believed that by error there was distribution of some single copies.

SPAIN—The International Stamp Exhibition set, to be released March 27, 1960, will consist of one, five-value regular postage set, and one, four-value airmail set, intsead of the five-value set originally scheduled. The new denominations will be as follows: regular postage—70 cts., 80 cts., 1 Pta., 2.50 Ptas., and 5 Ptas.; airmail—1 Pta., 5 Ptas., 6 Ptas. and 10 Ptas. The regular postage stamps will have a religious motif and bear the designs of Christ of the Lepanto-Battle and Gaudi's "The Sacred Family." The airmail set will show basque ball-playing. Each set may be obtained at the Exhibition by presentation of an entrance ticket of five pesetas.

—*Carlos Lenze*

SPANISH GUINEA (FERNANDO POO)—*Carlos Lenze* reports that the nine-value Madonna set scheduled for issue on February 25, 1960, was postponed for sale in Spain until March 5, 1960.

SWITZERLAND—*The Swiss Philatelic Agency in America, Inc.*, reports that the 1960 "Publicity Series," to be issued April 7, 1960, will consist of the following values, designs, colors and designers: 10 centimes, international fight against cancer, dark and light green and red, Emil Ruder; 20 centimes, 500th anniversary of the University of Basel, carmine, gray-brown, gray and yellow, Maja Allenback; 50 centimes, World Refugee Year, ultramarine, yellow and light blue, Paul Jacopin; 75 centimes, Swissair's jet services, light blue, gray and red, Eugen and Max Lenz. The proceeds of the sale of the World Refugee Year stamp will be used for refugees in Austria, Greece and Algeria. The stamps will be printed by S. A. Courvoisier by rotogravure in sheets of twenty-five.

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UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC (EGYPT)—Our thanks to the *Ministry of Communications* for copies of the 10 mills value issued February 22, 1960, as reported in our March 12th issue, commemorating the 2nd anniversary of the U.A.R., and for a copy of the L.E.I. Nefertiti ordinary postage stamp overprinted with the U.A.R. inscription, issued February 22, 1960, as forecast in our February 13th issue.

On March 1, 1960, a 10 mills, brown stamp was scheduled for issue to commemorate the 3rd Alexandria Biennial. The stamp, designed by Abbas El Sheik, was printed by photogravure on multiple U.A.R. in Arabic and English watermarked paper, in sheets of fifty, by the Survey of Egypt. There was an edition of 1,500,000.

UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC (SYRIA)—Our thanks to the *Direction General of P.T.T.* for copies of the 12½P., red and black stamp issued February 22, 1960, in honor of the second anniversary of the U.A.R. The design is basically the same as the one issued by Egypt, depicting the emblem of the U.A.R. There was an edition of 250,000. The 12½P Syria was shown in the stamp illustrations last week (Mar. 12, 1960), and the design for the 10 mills Egypt is similar.

VATICAN CITY—We are indebted to *E. Pagnini* and *Camillo Pescatori*, Rome, for first day covers of the four-value St. Antonio set and the two-value Roman Synod set, both issued February 29, 1960, as forecast in our February 27th issue. The values of the St. Antonio set are 15, 25, 60 and 110 lire. The values of the Roman Synod set are 15 and 60 lire. Thanks also to Vittorio Lo Bianco, Inc., New York.

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